



2005 SPRING-SUMMER NEWSLETTER



IMPORTANT CEU INFORMATION

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Kentucky Board of Respiratory Care is a government agency that regulates respiratory care practitioners and their services. The KBRC was established in 1990 to protect the citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky from unsafe practitioners and practices.

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Effective January 1, 2005, the KBRC along with the CEU Committee will be issuing both a "provider number" and "course number" to all individuals or organizations submitting CEU applications. Once a provider is given their number, that individual or organization is to use that provider number on all future CEU applications that are submitted to the Board. If a course is denied there will be no course number assigned. When issuing certificates for these programs approved for CEU credit, the certificate must have the course number on it for auditing purposes. This change will make record keeping more efficient for tracking previous CEU approvals.

All courses approved by the AARC do not need to be approved by the KBRC. CEUs approved by the Board for credit can be renewed for one additional renewal (2003-2004 courses can be resubmitted for 2005-2006 renewal). Those CEU courses DO NOT automatically rollover for another renewal.

All online CEU courses must be approved by the Board unless they are AARC approved or have been approved by the Board previously. If you have any doubts, contact the Board at (859) 246-2747.

New information as of March 2005 regarding these CEUs is as follows and begins in July 2005

Basic CPR	No CEU credit
ACLS	10 CEU's
NALS or NRP	8 CEU's
PALS	10 CEU's
Instructor Course (s) for the above:	
First time:	10 CEU'S

The KBRC Office will move in Sept. 2005

The Kentucky Board of Respiratory Care will re-locate this fall. Also planned for this fall is an updated website and computer upgrades to better serve the respiratory therapists and their needs. Plans are to move to the Administration Building Spindletop, 2624 Research Park Dr., Lexington, KY.

2005 Renewals ended March 2nd

As of March 2nd, the 2005 Renewal process came to a close. The Board's office processed 1,928 regular renewals and 200 audits. Any therapist who has not renewed for this cycle must cease practice until they can be **REINSTATED**. The Board wishes to stress the importance of keeping track of your renewal information such as CEU certification sheets and hours, renewed certification cards, and renewal forms. These are proof you are active status. Misplaced, lost, or left behind cards and renewal forms can cause the therapist to be sent home and not allowed to work. The Board's office re-issued over 200 renewal forms due to individuals not filling out the renewals properly or misplacing them. We strongly advise when filling out your renewal form to take the extra time and fill out the form correctly, if you do not fill out or answer properly it slows down the Board office and causes delays in the processing of your renewal. Look over the form and answer the questions that are on it. This includes filling out the name and address even if it has not changed, the employer (if applicable), the felony or misdemeanor question, the KHEAA (Arrears/Default) loan question on back of form, as well as the Signature line. If there are questions regarding the form you may have, please contact the Board at (859) 246-2747. Renewing your licensure is a step that the Board feels is a professional responsibility not only to yourself as a therapist but also to your employer and patients. Any therapist who has not renewed should contact the Board office immediately.

The KBRC Wishes to Thank Tom Floro for his services



With the Board's election of Ms. Janet Vogt as Chairperson and Bryan Tudor as Vice-Chairman; the Board would like to thank Thomas G. Floro who served as Vice Chairman under Dr. Robert Powell for two years before serving his own three year elected term as Chairman of the KBRC.

Mr. Floro was honored with a plaque from newly elected Chairperson Janet Vogt and the Board and staff this past December for a job well done. Mr. Floro's help in the Board office was also greatly appreciated.

Mr. Floro will continue his association with the KBRC Board as an investigator.

Janet Vogt: The New Chairperson of the KBRC

Janet Vogt previously served the KBRC Board from 1997-1999. Ms. Vogt returned to the Board in October 2002 as a member and was elected Chair in December 2004, replacing Tom Floro who served from 2001-2004. She played an integral role with the Board when Dr. Powell appointed her Chair of the Ad-Hoc Committee. The Board moved from Occupations and Professions and became an independent Board in 2000. At that time she worked with other State Agencies during the transition period moving the Board to Lexington. She continues to work at the University of Louisville Hospital where she has over 27 years of service. During those years she has worked as a critical care therapist, supervisor and educator. She remains active in her profession as a consultant and a speaker. Ms. Vogt looks forward to serving the Board and maintaining the integrity of the respiratory profession in the years ahead.

NEWSLETTER BOARD MEMBER PROFILE

Klaus O. Becker



Klaus O. Becker, RRT, Joined the KBRC in 2003 replacing Sister Dorothy Jackson as our citizen representative. Mr. Becker was born in Berlin, Germany and recently celebrated his marriage to Rita. Mr. Becker brings to the Board over 40 years of experience related to the field of respiratory care.

Mr. Becker started his career in respiratory as Chief Technologist at the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada and has served in the capacity of Technical Director at Cook County Hospital in Chicago, manager and director of RT departments in Illinois and Wisconsin. He currently is a consultant to several anesthesia related companies. He served from 1990-1996 as Manager and Marketing Consultant for companies in the former East-German territories. Beside his administrative roles, Klaus has been active as a speaker to respiratory groups and remains active in his professional organizations, such as the AARC. His dedication to public service, as well as his love and knowledge of respiratory care has proven to be an asset not only to the KBRC but to all the practitioners in the state.

Two new Board members have been appointed to the KBRC

The Governor's office has issued the new appointments for the vacancies that were left after several Board member's terms had expired. The Board would like to Welcome Anna J. Jones, BS, RCP and Wade Root, BHS, RRT to the KBRC and look forward to having their insight and views from their experience as respiratory professionals.

News from the AARC

THE AARC TO PUSH FOR OFFICER STATUS FOR RTs

A new ad hoc committee is getting underway to push for officer status for RTs in the military who hold bachelor's degrees. The committee will work directly with the U.S. Public Health Service and the various service branches to educate officials on the important role RTs play in the national healthcare system.

Read more: www.aarc.org/headlines/military_rts.asp

KEEPING TABS ON LEGISLATION

Wondering what's going on in your state legislature that might impact your career as an RT? Now you can find out, through a new feature on the AARC web site containing news and information about the latest bills and other issues pending in state houses across the country. Learn more about the Legislature Updates page now: <http://www.aarc.org/headlines/legislatures.asp>

LOCATION AND DATES FOR 51st AARC INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

The AARC Congress will be held in San Antonio, TX on December 3rd - 6th, 2005.

FAARC NOMINATIONS UNDERWAY

Do you know someone who has gone above and beyond the call of duty to serve the respiratory care profession? Then consider nominating him or her for the designation of Fellow of the American Association for Respiratory Care, or "FAARC." Every year the Association recognizes those among us who have excelled - in management, research, education, clinical services, and other key areas of the profession - with this important distinction, and it's a great way to make sure people who added significant value to our profession receive the recognition they deserve. Make your nominations online now and until August 31, 2005. [Http://www.aarc.org/headlines/contemplate.asp](http://www.aarc.org/headlines/contemplate.asp)

Current 2005 List of Terminated Respiratory Care Practitioners

This listing is subject to change, Please contact the Board's office with any questions.

Adams	Monroe W.	Collins	Teasia A.	Holland	Dana L.
Adkins	Joshua S.	Conley	Lisa Marie	Holland	Michael W.
Aguero	Krista G.	Conn	Kathy J.	Holland	Megan C.
Akin	Joyce A.	Conner	Amy B.	Hopkins	Deana E.
Allen	Lisa F.	Cosby	Tiffany L.	Howard	Johnny B.
Allen	Ryan D.	Cothron	Rhonda L.	Hurd	Karen J.
Allen	Donna L.	Cox	Edward L.	Issac	Margenia L.
Anderson	Patricia A.	Coy	Michelle J.	Jackson	Bruce W.
Appa	Jodi M.	Cress	Karen M.	Jarboe	James R.
Archdeacon	Nancy J.	Cromwell	Charles E.	Johnson	Robert L.
Ashley	Dawn R.	Cundiff	Galen E.	Johnson	Jenny J.
Baklanov	Cynthia M.	Cunningham	Larry T.	Johnson	Cathy R.
Banks	Wayne L.	Curtis	Donna S.	Johnston	Pamela F.
Bardolf	Rebecca L.	Dahl	Elizabeth A.	Kalbfleisch	Gary A.
Basham	Morris	Dehart	Mary A.	Kern	Linda S.
Bates	Tony W.	Dingee	Ginger L.	King	Barbara B.
Beatty	Linda S.	Dixon	Christina A.	King	Katrina L.
Bennett	Robin E.	Dodson	Laretta V.	King	Linda D.
Bias	Stephanie J.	Dougherty	John F.	Kinney	Keith W.
Bickers	Brenda G.	Duane	John J.	Kira	Wolodymyr
Blankenship	Walter D.	Durbin	Donna R.	Knight	Jeff W.
Boeving	Debra K.	Eddins	James B.	Kurian	Shyla M.
Boots	Gary B.	Elder	Sherman	Ladd	Theresa L.
Bowling	Karen A.	Falder	Debra L.	Lahti	Andrew R.
Boyles	Carolyn S.	Falt	Cassandra J.	Lanham	Janice K.
Branham	Lois A.	Ferguson	Corbett Q.	Laster	Sandra D.
Brown	Shirley A.	Fetter	Melissa A.	Lathram	Tracy A.
Brown	Esther S.	Fields	Robert	Lawrence	Debra D.
Brown	Ronald L.	Fisher	Robin M.	Lewis	Kevin A.
Brown	Anna M.	Gerstenlauer	Patricia A.	Lewis	Sherri Lynn
Buchanan	Lynn M.	Gilman	Joy	Lewis	Janet R.
Bunting	Lori Michelle	Gish	Deborah L.	Lyons	Perry Donald
Burchett	Michael M.	Gordon	Karen E.	Martin	Rosemary
Burchfield	Regina D.	Graham	Diann	Martin	Heather M.
Butler	Candice K.	Gray	Jana M.	Mastrianni	Vincent R.
Byers	Robert J.	Grooms	Kellie J.	Maynor	Shawntel S.
Caccia	Jacquelyn J.	Gumm	Brenda Ruth	McCarthy	Susan M.
Cardinal	Angela M.	Guy	Mary E.	McClanahan	Thomas C.
Carpenter	Joy Gillum	Halliburton	Erin E.	McKenzie	Colette D.
Carroll	Pamela J.	Hammonds	Winoka G.	McNeely	Daniel H.
Caudill	John	Harris	Kimbala D.	Meade	Diana S.
Chaney	Michael J.	Harris	James R.	Meadows	Leslie G.
Clark	Joyce A.	Hensley	Betty M.	Mehr	Karen K.
Clay	Brandi J.	Hill	Tammy D.	Middleton	Kimberly D.
Collins	Tammy	Hogue	Delmer T.		
Collins	Juanita L.				

Continued listing of Terminated Therapist

This list may not show therapist who have reinstated and updated. Call Board office for current status.

Miller, II	Winfred J.
Moore	Daniel L.
Morrison	Barbara S.
Murray	Willie H.
Myers	Judy G.
Napier	Joney R.
Nelms	Brandy J.
Njenge	Roland-Louis
Nuckols	Tiffany E.
Oliver	Della B.
Osborne	Michael T.
Parrigan	Johnnie W.
Parsons	Dorothy
Payne	Stephanie
Perdue	John Derrick
Perkins	Heather M.
Perkins	Jeannine B.
Phillips	Tracey L.
Prather	Perry
Richards	Shirley R.
Rivers	Tammy A.
Rizzo	Lisa A.
Robertson	Rannye C.
Rockwood	James E.
Rogers	Bryan Carlton
Rowe	Judee
Rutherford	Mary Jo
Santiago	Eve
Saunders	Christopher W
Schweighardt	Russell A.
Scott	Trissia N.
Seiders	Darla J.
Sharp	Montina D.
Shearer	Stephanie S.
Shelton	Amy L.
Shrout	David L.
Silkwood	Catherine L.
Smith	Cynthia W.
Smith	Kenneth R.
Solomon	Uliccta
Spiers	Derek
Stanley	Vanessa R.
Storey	Richard D.
Stover	Charles A.
Surrett	Sheila R.

Swartz	Bobbi J.
Tackett	Virginia B.
Tallent	Barbara M.
Tanner	Gregory D.
Tasman	Marda A.
Tattrie	Richard L.
Taylor	Tama L.
Taylor	Patty L.
Thompson	Margaret M.
Thornsberry	James D.
Thwaites	Sally J.
Timmins	Eleanor V.
Tomazic	Toby F.
Toney	Scott E.
Trammell	Vonda J.
Turner	Charles W.
Walker	Theresa
Watrous	Kathryn M.
Watzke	Zandra L.
Weddington	Tammy E.
Whitehead	Kristi L.
Williams	Jerry W.
Williams	Louise G.
Williams	Sherry L.
Williams	Beverly R.
Williams	Randy E.
Wilson	Rick A.
Winchester	William
Windhorst	Rhonda
Yost	Robin
Young	James K.
Young	Michael F.
Zahler	Mark T.

Disciplinary Actions

These individuals have had disciplinary actions or fines placed on them for working without a proper licensure and failing to renew their license during the renewal period.

1. Lori J. Caldwell, Fined \$100.00
2. David R. Clark, Fined \$150.00
3. Jeffery L. Henry, Fined \$400.00
4. Lisa M. Nicely, Fined \$300.00
5. Angela M. Reynolds, Fined \$250.00
6. Robert J. Satterly, Fined \$450.00
7. Stacy L. Kennon-Spencer, Fined \$250.00
8. Steven E. Sasseen, Fined \$450.00
9. Roxanne T. Vaughn, Fined \$150.00

These fines are based on days worked after March 02, 2005 deadline and a \$50.00 per day fine. The KBRC takes working without proper licensure very seriously and views failure to renew licensure without legitimate reason as unprofessional. Keeping track of your expiration date, providing proper address changes, name changes and filling out renewal forms properly, all help the therapist avoid these disciplinary actions and fines.

Facts to Sleep On

- About 70 Million Americans suffer from a sleep related problem
 - Around 40 million have a chronic sleep disorder, and another 20-30 million have a intermittent sleep disorder.
 - Most people with sleep disorders have yet to be diagnosed or treated for the condition.
 - As many as 18 million Americans suffer from Sleep Apnea.
 - About 100,000 motor vehicle crashes are caused by sleepy drivers every year..
 - Untreated sleep apnea could be racking up \$ 3.4 billion dollars in additional medical costs.
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Tips for filling out Forms from the KBRC

The KBRC has found that these four helpful hints that will speed up the processing on all forms.

1. All forms should be filled out completely. Do not leave off addresses and zip codes of home or employer.
2. Review all questions on the front and back of form to assure everything has been filled out correctly.
3. If there is a question on the form, or you need help, contact the Board office at 859-246-2747 for assistance. Do not leave a question blank or unanswered.
4. Write or print legibly in black or dark blue ink pen, (Pencil is not acceptable) so no mistakes will be made in data entries.
5. Keep forms clean and free from food, drinks, and other objects that may stain.

NBRC NEWS OF NOTE

Associate Degree Requirement - New

Beginning January 1, 2006, all candidates **MUST** have an associate degree or higher from an accredited respiratory therapy education program to be eligible for the CRT and RRT Examinations. Individuals currently eligible for the CRT or RRT Examinations who hold a certificate of completion from an accredited respiratory therapy education program, but who do not have an associate degree, have until December 31, 2005 to apply for and pass these NBRC credentialing examinations. Please see the online NBRC Candidate Handbook for all current admissions policies.

RRT Eligibility Three-Year Time Limit - New

This is intended to clarify the change to the NBRC's admissions policies for the RRT Examination, namely placing a three-year limit on the length of time an individual may remain eligible for the examination following graduation from an accredited advanced respiratory care education program.

Individuals who do not earn the RRT credential within the three-year time limit will be required to retake and pass the CRT Examination for recredentialing to again be eligible for the RRT Examination. Respiratory care practitioners who retake the CRT Examination to regain eligibility for the RRT Examination are not at risk of losing their CRT credential.

The CRT credential is NOT being eliminated. The new policy is to encourage eligible, advanced program graduates to earn the RRT credential within three years of graduation, or by December 31, 2007 if they have already earned the CRT credential and graduated from an advanced level program.

In the past, there has not been a time limit governing when a respiratory care practitioner must successfully complete the RRT Examination after graduation. As a result, thousands of individuals consider themselves "registry eligible" because they meet the eligibility requirements for the RRT Examination. However, these individuals have not taken and/or passed the RRT Examination and the NBRC does not sanction such an eligibility category.

To encourage early achievement of the RRT credential, the NBRC Board of Trustees is currently offering a \$50 discount on the RRT examination fee for those who apply for both parts of the RRT Examination within 60 days following achievement of the CRT credential.

Effective June 1, 2005 - The Board of Trustees approved the addition of the following provision to the CRT-to-Registry Admission Policy:

Be a CRT with two years of full-time clinical experience in respiratory therapy under licensed medical supervision following Certification and prior to applying for the Registry Examination and hold a minimum of an associate degree in respiratory therapy from an accredited entry level respiratory therapy education program.

All Information on this page is courtesy of the National Board of Respiratory Care and can be found at their website: http://www.nbrc.org/rrt_time_limit.htm. Please contact them with any questions regarding CRT and RRT registry.

The KBRC requires therapists to have a CRT for state licensure in KY.